

TALENT & INNOVATION INITIATIVE

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The Talent and Innovation Initiative, commonly known as Ti2, is designed to enhance momentum in Nebraska's fastest growing industries, maintain and build on its world-class workforce, and leverage private sector innovation.

The InternNE Program

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Offers financial assistance, up to \$5,000 per internship, to companies in Nebraska creating new internship opportunities for Nebraska's college students.

Business Innovation Act

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Provides competitive funding for research, development and innovation, and helps expand small business and entrepreneurial outreach efforts that lead to more quality job opportunities.

Angel Investment Tax Credit

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Encourages investment in high-tech start-up enterprises in Nebraska by providing 35-40% refundable state income tax credits to qualified Nebraska investors investing in qualified early-stage companies.

Site & Building Development Fund

neded.org/SiteAndBuilding

Aims to increase industrial sites and buildings available for business attraction and expansion.

Nebraska Progress Loan Fund (NPLF)

neded.org/business/NPLF

Offers loans to qualifying small businesses employing less than 750 FTE employees. The minimum loan to any one business is \$50,000.

Invest Nebraska Angel Sidecar Fund

neded.org/AngelInvestmentTaxCredit

Provides early investment capital that matches private angel fund investment in start-up businesses developing, modifying, or employing new technology. Seed capital may be used for advanced intellectual property development and evaluation, advanced proof of concept work for scientific discovery, advanced prototype design and development, hiring key personnel, or related activities.

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<div> <div> <div>TALENT & INNOVATION</div> <div>INITIATIVE</div> </div> </div>	PLANNING GRANT	MATCHING GRANTS			INVESTOR MATCH
	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)			NEBRASKA INNOVATION FUND (NIF)	
	PHASE 0	PHASE I	PHASE II	PRE SEED (PROTOTYPE)	SEED (COMMERCIALIZATION)
Eligible Applicants/ Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A for-profit small business with its principal place of business in Nebraska. Submit qualified SBIR Phase I proposal to participating federal agency in response to federal solicitation. Submit applications to DED no later than 45 days before closing date of federal solicitation. Must conduct at least 51% of activities described in SBIR in Nebraska. Must notify DED of award or decline of Phase I proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A for-profit small business with its principal place of business in Nebraska. Must meet all federal SBIR program eligibility requirements applicable to relevant federal solicitation. Must conduct at least 51% of activities described in Phases I and II in Nebraska. Must maintain significant Nebraska business operations for duration of Phase I and II performance periods. Must receive notification of Phase I award by SBIR agency during application cycle (Phase I only). Must have successfully completed Phase I effort corresponding to federal award and submitted final Phase I report to granting federal SBIR agency and DED. Submit Phase I applications to DED no later than 45 days from notification of award by federal SBIR agency. Must have received notification of successful completion of Phase I from federal SBIR agency and submit DED proof that SBIR Phase II proposal has been submitted to and received by federal agency. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business with no more than 500 employees for purposes of creating prototype of a product stemming from research and development at a business operating in Nebraska, or a public or private college or university in Nebraska. Business must submit business plan that includes proof-of-concept demonstration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business with no more than 500 employees for purposes of commercializing a prototype of a product stemming from research and development at a business operating in Nebraska, or a public or private college or university in Nebraska. Business must submit feasibility study stating potential sales and profit projections for product or process.
Maximum Amount	• Maximum \$5,000	• Maximum \$100,000 or 65% of federal grant		• Maximum \$50,000	• Maximum \$500,000 (no greater than 50% of cost of project) • Investments may be a stand-alone convertible note, or part of minimum qualified round of equity financing
Matching Funds* * non-state sources	None	None	None	50% match 25% match for value-added ag projects	1 to 1 25% for value-added ag projects
<div>Application Process</div> <div> *Open application process, until all funds are exhausted for given year. ** More information may be requested from DED at any point during the application process ***Application timeline is fluid </div>	<div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Download application at: neded.org/ti2 Submit a complete application with all required materials Meet with program staff Submit final application If approved, contracts are drafted </div>				
Fund Availability	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must be expended within 24 months of award decision.	Must be expended within 24 months of award decision.
Other	No more than 1 award per project every 2 years	• \$1 million maximum in Business Innovation Act Funds awarded per year in SBIR category • No business can receive funding for more than 1 project every 2 years	N/A	One Prototype grant per project	One Commercialization grant per project
Allowable Costs for Reimbursement	As defined in agency SBIR award and Nebraska Department of Economic Development contract.	As defined in agency SBIR award and Nebraska Department of Economic Development contract.	As defined in agency SBIR award and Nebraska Department of Economic Development contract.	Pre-approved costs directly attributable to the development and/or construction of a prototype. This program will NOT pay general overhead or salary costs, though some prototype development wages may be applicable.	As defined by program guidelines and by contract with Invest Nebraska.

MATCHING GRANTS		LOAN PROGRAM	INVESTOR MATCH	TAX CREDIT
ACADEMIC R&D		STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SSBCI)		
FIRST PHASE	SECOND PHASE	NEBRASKA PROGRESS LOAN FUND (NPLF)	INVEST NE ANGEL SIDECAR FUND	ANGEL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any for-profit business with physical operational facilities in Nebraska. Must use faculty or facilities of public or private college or university in Nebraska for applied research or development of new products, or use intellectual property generated at a public or private higher education institution in Nebraska. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any for-profit business with physical operational facilities in Nebraska. Must use faculty or facilities of public or private college or university in Nebraska for applied research or development of new products, or use intellectual property generated at a public or private higher education institution in Nebraska. If Phase I is deemed successful as determined by DED and the business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-profit small business engaged in any or combination of following activities: research and development, scientific testing, manufacturing, data processing, telecommunications, distribution, storage/warehouse and transportation, administrative headquarters, targeted export services. Or small business (less than 750 employees) with 75% of sales outside NE, or to the US government in: cloud computing, software development, computer system design, product testing services, guidance or surveillance systems, technology licensing services, data centers, and Internet Web portals. 	Nebraska-based start-up company (less than 750 employees) that has: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership team with significant experience related to technology commercializing and launching start-up technology business or collaborators and/or mentors with such experience; Viable plan for securing venture capital financing to successfully grow start-up company within reasonable time period after seed capital co-investment; and Market-based, third-party investment commitment equal to at least 100% of total requested seed capital funding from Angel Sidecar Fund. 	Individual Investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum \$25,000/year Investment Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum \$50,000 Minimum 3 investors Qualified Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nebraska-based with more than 51 % employees in Nebraska with 25 or fewer employees.
• Maximum \$100,000	• Maximum \$400,000 if Phase I is successful and contractual agreements are met	• Minimum \$50,000 • Maximum \$5 million	• Maximum \$500,000	• Credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals \$300,000 per year Couples \$350,000 per year • 40% refundable tax credit in distressed areas (35% rest of state) • Investment for any one business limited to \$1 million lifetime maximum
1 to 1 25% for value-added ag projects	1 to 1 25% for value-added ag projects	1 to 1	1 to 1	N/A
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Must be expended within 24 months of award decision.	Must be expended within 24 months of award decision.	• Interim loan equal to or less than 3 years • Long-term loan more than 3 but less than 5 years	Managed by Invest Nebraska	N/A
No more than 2 awards per project in any 4-year period	No more than 2 awards per project in any 4-year period	• 0–4% interest rates • Deferred loan payments	Investment may be in the form of convertible debt or equity	N/A
Fees associated with licensing intellectual property; research; support staff wages incurred in the planning; implementation and summarization of the project; college facility costs.	Fees associated with licensing intellectual property; research; support staff wages incurred in the planning; implementation and summarization of the project; college facility costs.	Start-up costs, working capital, business procurement, acquisition of intellectual property for modification, or modification and use, franchise fees, equipment, inventory, purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvement on eligible place of business that is not for passive real estate improvements, or eligible place of business not for passive real estate investment purposes.	As defined by program guidelines and contract with Invest Nebraska.	N/A